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Mr. David Carpenter, Director of Rates
Piedmont Natural Gas Company
P.O. Box 33068
Charlotte, NC 28233

Re: Nashville Gas Company ACA Filing – Docket No. 03-00317

Dear David:

The six month deadline for the completion and approval of the Staff's audit of Nashville Gas Company's ACA filing is October 28, 2003. Current procedures at the TRA require that the audit report be placed on the Authority conference agenda for the Directors' approval prior to the deadline. That effectively moves the completion date to October 6 in order for the docket to be placed on the October 20 agenda.

The PGA rule provides for an extension of the 180-day notification by mutual consent of both the Company and the TRA Staff. As we discussed a couple of days ago, in order to allow sufficient time for the Staff to complete its audit, I am proposing that the deadline be extended to November 10, 2003, the first Authority Conference in November. The Staff will make every effort to finalize the audit before the Company's fiscal year-end of October 31, 2003.

It is my understanding the Company does not have a problem with the extension. If you have any additional questions regarding this request, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Pat Murphy
Senior Financial Analyst
Energy and Water Division

C: Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman
Hal Novak, Chief of Energy and Water

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